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SUBJECT: ESCAP:31ST SESSION: GUAM MATTER

1. GOVERNOR BORDALLO PROPOSES TO GIVE A STATEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF AGENDA ITEM RELATING TO TYPHOON COMMITTEE. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 4 HIS PROPOSED TEXT.

2. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR FERGUSON SEES NO PROBLEM WITH GENERAL TEXT. HOWEVER, HE CALLS PARAS 5 AND 7 OF THE STATEMENT PARTICULARLY TO DEPARTMENTS ATTENTION. PARA 5 READS QUOTE, IN FACT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN HOSTING FUTURE MEETINGS OF THIS BODY ON GUAM, UNQUOTE AND PARA 7 READS QUOTE, IN CLOSING, MY DELEGATION WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT STATISTICAL DATA CONCERNING GUAM'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE SUMMARIZED DATA
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RELATIVE TO THE ESCAP REGION, UNQUOTE.

3. THE GOVERNOR HAS STATED THAT GUAM IS PREPARED TO BEAR EXPENSES OF MEETING AND HAS FACILITIES. I AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THE EXTENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE GOVERNOR'S ATTENTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, SENATOR TANAKA, BEFORE LEAVING, OBSERVED THAT HOSTING MEETING MIGHT OVERWHELM GUAM. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ON MOST URGENT BASIS. END COMMENT.

4. QUOTE - MR. CHAIRMAN: I AM RICARDO J. BORDALLO, AND I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO SPEAK BRIEFLY TO THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES THIS AFTERNOON BOTH AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND TERRITORY OF GUAM AND AS SENIOR ADVISER TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE TERRITORY OF GUAM IS LOCATED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC APPROXIMATELY 1,500 MILES EAST OF THE PHILIPPINES AND 1,500 MILES SOUTH OF JAPAN. IT IS IN PROXIMITY TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND TO OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE WESTERN RIM OF THE PACIFIC BASIN. GUAM'S POSITION IN THE TYPHOON BELT HAS MADE THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE OF KEEN INTEREST TO MY DELEGATION, AND IN PARTICULAR, TO MYSELF. IN FACT, IN 1962, GUAM SUFFERED THE BRUNT OF TYPHOON KAREN, A STORM WHICH PRODUCED THE HIGHEST WIND VELOCITY EVER RECORDED OVER LAND AND WHICH DEVASTATED 90 PERCENT OF GUAM'S MAN-MADE STRUCTURE AND MUCH OF HER FLORA. GUAM IS FORTUNATE PRESENTLY TO HAVE WITHIN HER BOUNDARIES A SOPHISTICATED TYPHOON WARNING AND TRACKING SYSTEM, THE DATA FROM WHICH HAS PROVED INVALUABLE TO OTHER ISLAND COMMUNITIES IN THE VICINITY. GUAM ALSO HAS ESTABLISHED FACILITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, WHICH INCLUDES THE MICRONESIAN AREA RESEARCH CENTER AND THE MARINE LABORATORY, AND AT THE GUAM ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER, WHICH FACILITIES HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING LIMITED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WITHIN THE ESCAP REGION. SUCH ASSISTANCE MIGHT INCLUDE RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION, THE PROVISION OF LECTURERS FOR SEMINARS AND WORKSHIPS, AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHIPS. IN FACT, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN HOSTING FUTURE MEETINGS OF THIS BODY ON GUAM. I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK CONCERNING THE ISLAND COMMUNITY OF WHICH I AM THE ELECTED GOVERNOR. ON

BEHALF OF GUAM, I CORDIALLY EXTENDED TO ANY AND ALL OF
YOU AN INVITATION TO VISIT OUR ISLAND OF R DISCUSSION OF
PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE
ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.
IN CLOSING, MY DELEGATION WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
THAT STATISTICAL DATA CONCERNING GUAM'S ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL CONDITIONS BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE SUMMARIZED DATA
RELATIVE TO THE ESCAP REGION. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
END QUOTE.
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